

FOOTBALL ELEVENS ARE TO OPEN 1917 CAMPAIGN DESPITE ABSENCE OF THE BIG THREE

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS SATURDAY, WHEN PITT PLAYS WEST VIRGINIA; SUCCESSFUL SEASON IS PREDICTED

College Elevens Are Rounding Into Shape and Will Be Ready to Take Stage After World Series—Yale May Have Team This Year

FOR some reason or other the opening of the college football season has not met with the usual enthusiasm this year. Perhaps this is because it was predicted last spring that the fall sport would be conspicuous by its absence, and few teams would be in the field because of the large number of athletes who were about to join the service.

Many of the boys in the service have been granted furloughs, and probably will not be called upon until the early part of next year. This is true of the University of Pennsylvania hospital unit and several others which are made up almost entirely of college men.

Football should have a big year and a successful one. There will be more interest in the sport and the attendance figures should be quite large. Baseball enjoyed a prosperous season despite the gloomy prediction early in the year.

Boxing matches, automobile races, tennis and golf events and even swimming have attracted huge throngs and football will enjoy the same experience. The croakers have been silenced, for the American public likes to be amused and will support any worthy athletic event.

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Season Will Open Officially Next Saturday, September 29

MOST of the preliminary training has been done by the candidates for the larger elevens, and the season will get under way next Saturday. There will be the usual practice contests for a time, and the teams will work up gradually for the most important battles in late October and November.

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PITT has given many men to the service. De Hart, Hastings and Morrow are in Afton, Va. Herron is a lieutenant in the aviation corps.

Bob Peck is training at Culver Military Academy. Manager Jack Thompson is an aviator in France. Ted Fry is at Essington and Captain Wilcox and Kelley, of last year's freshman team, are with the Pitt base hospital unit.

Penn State Also Has Suffered, But the Team Will Be on the Field

ONLY three letter men returned to State College this fall. But Head Coach Dick Harlow and his assistant, Ben Scott, are hard at work getting a new squad into shape. Preliminary practice has been held and the first game will be played this week.

Lehigh and Lafayette are hard at work and Swarthmore and Haverford are getting into shape. In fact, most of the colleges, with the exception of Yale, Harvard and Princeton, are going ahead with their football plans, just to prove that the game can be played.

Cornell has been hard hit, but no attempt was made to discontinue football. Only a few members of the varsity squad will be back, but the authorities at Ithaca take an optimistic view of the situation and plan to broaden the scope of all sports, so that every student in the university will have a chance to try for the teams.

It now appears that several members of last year's football team will return to Yale this fall, and an effort is being made to continue the sport. Virtually the entire freshman eleven of last year also will be in college, and the authorities are seriously considering a change in the announced policy and a football team may be in the field after all.

Professor Corwin has changed his opinion about the matter, and when Ted Jones returns some time this week, a definite decision will be arrived at. Of all sports that have been given up at Yale, football is dying the hardest death.

HARVARD will hold an informal practice for her informal football season tomorrow. Few varsity men will report, and if there is a team it will play only the scrub colleges in New England and some of the military training camps.

Fullerton Comes to Bat With Some Real Dope on World's Series

HERE is Hughie Fullerton's idea of the New York and Chicago clubs and their chances in the world's series, which was printed in the New York American yesterday:

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



SCHOLASTIC COACHES MUST WORK HARD IN PUTTING TOGETHER TEAMS BEFORE FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS

Second Week of Practice Starts With Much Pessimism on the Part of Tutors—Candidates Are Many but Inexperienced

SOMBER clouds of uncertainty hang over the local scholastic football arena as the contenders for the Gimbel cup begin their second week of strenuous practice in preparation for their opening games.

With most of the candidates for the six high school elevens inexperienced and only a few veterans from last season to help share the burden, the coaches are pessimistic in regard to the chance their squad has to win the championship.

Team Picked at West Philly

After considerable preliminary practice the West Philadelphia High School football candidates have started scrimmaging work.

The men have been working out on an open field at Forti and Spruce streets under the direction of Coach Bremer, assisted by Reuhs and Forber, former gridiron stars at West Philly.

The first team has been lined up as follows: Ends, Monroe and Hewitt; tackles, Smith and Captain Swigg; guards, Brown and Herzler; center, Mearke; halfbacks, French and Boswell; quarterback, Grossman; fullback, Cresky.

These elevens, which is composed mostly of seasoned players, probably will play the first game of the season with Penn Charter at Queen Lane next Friday.

Many Candidates Out

The fellows were quick to see that with most of last year's varsity men gone they had as much chance as the other fellows to make the team. As a result, there are more candidates on the field than ever before.

Coach Dean Johnson, of South Philadelphia High, winner of the trophy last year, has a big job on his hands to turn out another winning team.

Powerful Backfield at Northeast

George Johnson, football coach at Bucknell, who formerly instructed the Red and Black footballers, was impressed favorably during a recent visit to Northeast's athletic field.

Lines to Alexander

You're the Queen of the bunch, Alexander. For you have that winning punch, Alexander.

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THREE GIANTS IN LEADING BATTERS

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The Giants now have three of their players among the five leading batters in the National League.

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TORONTO-INDIANAPOLIS SERIES STARTS TOMORROW

President Barrow Withdraws Opposition to Post-Season Games Between Champions

AMATEUR PLAYERS INVITED TO FOOTBALL MEETING

Captains, managers and players of amateur football teams in and around Philadelphia are invited to attend the rules interpretation meeting at Hotel Walton next Wednesday night.

How to Play Golf

The Jones-Dyer Match at Merion

Big Gallery Watches Play

Jones' Wonderful Shot

Lines to Alexander

JACK MUNROE, ONE-TIME QUITTER AND DUB, PROVES HIMSELF A HERO IN AN ATTACK ON GERMAN TRENCHES

Man Who Fell Before Jeffries Before First Round Was Over Distinguishes Himself as Member of Princess Pat Regiment

By GRANTLAND RICE The Dream City

(This city has increased its population by 2,000,000 fighting men in the three years of the war.) Here still the war rages. Upon each breast: And over all a peaceful sky. In azure dressed; No storm of night that hurries by. May leave the whisper of a sigh, No echo of the battle cry. May break their rest.

The big guns roar above them still, By day and night; The red flames flash by dune and hill. In endless blight; But as the gray-dusk shadows fall Their quiet town, at twilight's chill, They call their all their children will, On through the fight.

Here still the many come to weep, To kneel and pray; To cry to God in anguish deep For life's lost day; Yet who would wake them from their sleep, Dream-dwellers, where the grasses sweep, Across the way?

TWELVE or thirteen years ago we recall the humor in many a fight story relating the way Jack Munroe backed away from Jim Jeffries, only to fall in less than a round.

Munroe's name was then handed around as one of the greatest of all the jokers. He was held to be part quitter and part duffer. There were hardly enough words to complete the scorn upon around his name.

The Battle of the Sixes

Dear Sir—A day or two ago I was talking with a tennis player about the golf match between Jerry Travers and Mrs. Gavin. It was his belief that no star woman tennis player would be anywhere as close to the best of the male stars as Mrs. Travers' showing in golf was to Travers.

The Second-Base Decision

Two or three years ago McGraw advanced the opinion that Eddie Collins was the greatest second baseman he had ever seen.

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